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TOILET FACILITIES IN TRAINS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether Ambala-Amritsar and Ambala-Nangal trains have no toilet facilities putting the travelling passengers in great inconvenience;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Railways propose to provide toilet facilities in these trains; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d) As a matter of policy, commuter type trains running over relatively short distances of upto 160 Kms. or a journey time of upto 4 hrs are permitted without toilet. In the event of journey time being longer, adequate halt is provided at an intermediate and convenient station for the benefit of passengers.

In the present case, the toiletless DMU services between Ambala- Amritsar cover a distance of 249 kms. For DMU Train No.333 between Ambala Cantt- Amritsar, a stoppage of 40 minutes has been provided at Ludhiana Jn. Stoppage at Ludhiana Jn. for DMU Train No.334 between Amritsar and Ambala Cantt is being increased to 30 minutes to enable passengers use the toilet facility at station.

MEMU/DMU trains between Ambala - Nangaldam cover a distance of 157 Kms only and are therefore toilet less as per policy.